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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2008, having a three-month shortened period for response that expired on May 26, 2008, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.